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TOWN MEETING FIGHTS TO ACT AS REPUBLICANS

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VARE ASSAILS PARTY AS MUSHROOM GROWTH

Declares It Does Not Legally Exist—Lank Hurls Defi

SCOTT FLINGS CHARGES

Declares Penrose Men Were Trying to Cheat Sproul—Board Defers Action on Petition

Preliminary skirmishes in the forthcoming mayoralty fight today were as follows:

Edgar W. Lank, chairman of the Democratic City Committee, announced that he would oppose any attempt of the Town Meeting party to obtain division registrars.

State Senator Edwin H. Vare issued a bitter statement, in which he charges that the Town Meeting party was a "mushroom growth" and that it does not exist legally.

George W. Coles, chairman of the Town Meeting party, hotly replied to Senator Vare, characterizing his statements as "childish" and issued to "fool the people."

He asked the appointment of Town Meeting men "as Republicans" for divisional registrar posts.

The Board of Registration deferred a decision regarding the strike of names, nearly 10,000, presented by the Committee of Seventy—names alleged to be fraudulently placed on assessors' lists.

The board also postponed action on the Republican city committee petition for the right to add thousands of names to the lists.

Both the reform and organization demands will be further discussed at a meeting of the commission on Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Scott Flings Charge

Arguments waxed warm. Representative John R. Scott caused a sensation when he charged that the Independents and Penrose forces were trying "to cheat the Governor" in putting a false interpretation on the assessment clause in Council section of the Woodward charter.

"It was written as a cheat, by the hand of a cheat for the purpose of cheating the people out of their proper representation in Council," Mr. Scott exclaimed.

This clause, inserted as an amendment by Representative Sigmund J. Gans while the bill was in the House elections committee, is said not to have been drafted by Thomas Bauburn White, who drew up the original Woodward measure.

Announcement by the commissioners that further argument would be held Friday did not deter Mr. Scott, who represents the Republican city committee, from expressing "a preliminary thought."

Mr. Scott declared that the opponents of the assessment clause had been assured in the presence of the Governor and attorney general that "this very situation which we now face would not arise."

He argued that the "personal applicants" who seek to have their names kept on the assessment lists are voters whose names the Committee of Seventy would strike off because they moved from one division to another of a downtown ward for the sole purpose of reducing the councilmanic representation downtown and "disfranchising thousands of citizens."

Petitions Unsigned, He Says

Mr. Scott contended that the 9004 strike-off petitions filed by the Committee of Seventy were "unsigned and unsworn and the law requires a hearing before the names can be stricken off."

On the almost 9000 petitions filed by the Republican city committee to put voters' names on the lists, Mr. Scott contended that a written application is a "personal application."

The assessment clause in the council section of the new charter provides that the councilmanic representation in the eight senatorial districts shall be used on the "last completed assessment," which is interpreted to mean the December assessment.

It further provides that there shall be one councilman for each 20,000 voters or fraction thereof in the various districts.

The Committee of Seventy made a drive on the First senatorial district, which is represented by Senator Vare, with the idea that if enough names were stricken from the lists the representation from that district would be reduced from three to two members in the council.

Voters Must Register

Names wrongly struck from the lists can be put on again at the assessment days next September, but they cannot be used in computing the councilmanic representation. Before a voter whose name is on the assessment lists can vote, he must register.

Coles Shifts Attack

Mr. Coles, who announced last yesterday that he would withdraw his earlier application for the appointment of Town Meeting registrars, shifted his attack before the committee today.

He asked appointment of Town Meeting men as "Republicans" and indicated that the Independents would

REGISTRARS BUNGLED, SAYS M'CAIN; AVERS CUT-THROAT GAME ON

Failure of New Officials to Handle Vare Rush Termed Inexcusable—Tactics of Both Factions Assailed

SEES GROUND FOR POLITICAL LAWYERS TO TAKE PETITION MATTER TO COURT

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

There was a startling display of inexcusable bungling, if not worse, in the scenes that were enacted at the rooms of Governor Sproul's new board of registration commissioners yesterday.

There was a mad scramble, coarse expletives, perspiring thousands jostled and jammed together, hurried calls for police to preserve order, the rushing of ward-healers and "cappers" representing the warring factions, and all this as a result of deliberate chicanery or inexcusable blundering on the part of some one.

The average citizen, whether he be independent or regular, may well wonder at such a spectacle. Within the registration rooms during the morning hours there was leisurely indifference. What else could be expected? Two of the commissioners are tyroes. They are gentlemen wholly unfamiliar with their duties. A third, an able and experienced member, is an octogenarian. Two alone are experienced in the game.

Board Confronted with Mob

Suddenly this easy-going board, whether from indifference or design, that has been dawdling along for the last week without organization, is confronted with a mob. There were political lawyers rushing breathlessly with bundles of petitions and lists of names and election returns, a line of sweating negroes, half of whom possibly did not know why they were there. In the midst of it all the board attempts to do business. But the octogenarian member is missing. The board is not in working order.

The prearranged organization, with Mr. Fell slated for presiding officer, has not been completed. The nonpartisan Republican chairman and the Donnelly Democrat have not been inducted into office. All is chaos. In the midst of it the venerable ex-member, newly reappointed, appears and is hurried away to be sworn in.

Meantime the crowd outside grows. More political lawyers are summoned on.

Old Board Ordered Out

Under the new charter the old Board of Registration Commissioners was ordered out of existence ten days after the signing of the charter bill. In the same document it is provided that five instead of four new members shall constitute the board to be appointed by the Governor.

It also provides that all changes, generally speaking, in assessors' lists for presentation to the new board must be made by the 15th of July every four years.

From the 15th until the 25th of July, a period of ten days, the Board of Registration Commissioners is compelled to act upon these changes.

Was it by design that the framers of the new charter fixed this period? The Legislature adjourned on June 26. Two weeks were permitted by the Governor to elapse before a new board was named. In the meantime he was being kept busy, petitioned and bedeviled about the appointments. The matter might have been settled within half the time. Everybody knew the old board was doomed. Quick action would not have invalidated the mandate of the charter.

The board was named on the 10th.

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EPISCOPAL BISHOP BOY BRAGS ABOUT KINSMAN RESIGNS WILKINS MURDER

Delaware Prelate Disagrees With Methods of Ordination and Sacrament

WOULD REMAIN IN CHURCH

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger.

Wilmington, Del., July 16.—Because he differs from some of the methods employed by the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Frederick J. Kinsman today made public a letter he had written to the Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, presiding Episcopal bishop, resigning as bishop of the diocese of Delaware.

The resignation will be presented at the general convention in Detroit, in October, when it will be acted upon.

Numerous flaws are picked by Bishop Kinsman, in his letter, in the methods used by the Episcopal church.

He says he cannot reconcile its teachings in the matter of ordination, sacrament, etc., with his own views at this time. He says also there is in his mind doubtfulness about the character of orders, while he holds the communion to be non-committal. Although refusing to accept the doctrine of the ordination and sacrament, he praises the church for what it is doing and declares it is an agency for good, and, though insisting upon being deposed, does not ask to be excluded from the church.

This appears to set at rest recent rumors that the Bishop contemplated entering the Catholic church.

He has been bishop here for eight years. He is now at his summer home at Birchmere, Maine.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Kinsman was elected bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Delaware, June 3, 1908, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bishop Coleman. His election was a victory for the high church men.

Bishop Kinsman is fifty years old and was born in Warren, O. He received his advanced education at Keble College, Oxford, where the degree of master of arts was conferred. Later he served as master of St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and was rector of St. Martin's, in New Bedford, Mass.

He then became professor of ecclesiastical history in Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., and when elected bishop was professor of ecclesiastical history in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

REDS TAKE EKATERINBURG

Town Occupied After Evacuation by Omak Forces

London, July 16.—(By A. P.)—Ekaterinburg, 190 miles southeast of Perm, has been captured by the Bolsheviki, according to a Russian wireless dispatch received here today. The town was occupied Monday.

A cable dispatch dated July 11 received last night, said the forces of the Omak Government were evacuating the town.

STUDENT-BURGLAR LED DOUBLE LIFE, IDENTITY REVEALS

College Records Call Him One of "Better Scholars"; Police, "Nerviest Thief Ever"

WAS "MODEL" YOUNG MAN, SAYS FORMER LANDLADY

Studied Late Nights, Belonged to Church Guild and Played Piano Very Well

Anthony William Hoffner, the second year medical student at the University of Pennsylvania who was shot and killed while attempting to rob a fraternity house Monday night, led a double life.

The records of the University class him as "one of the better students." Police Lieutenant Boston described him as "the nerviest burglar we've run across in many a day."

Hoffner, who was twenty-eight years old, was slain by Professor Benjamin Franklin Schappelle in the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity house.

Hoffner entered the University in September, 1914, and after completing three years of academic work, undertook the medical course in September, 1917. He would have graduated in 1921.

Lived in Buffalo

His parents believed he was working his way through college, did his own laundry and a brother. His home is at 34 Poplar avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Henry E. Berger, 215 DeKalb street, his former landlady, who probably knew him better than any one in this city, described him as a model young man. He was a member of a guild of which the Rev. John W. Kropp is chaplain. He was also a member of Company 10, S. A. T. C., composed of first and second year men at the University.

The Misses Dunlap, 3726 Walnut street, at whose boarding house he had lived since last January, after leaving the home of Mrs. Berger, said "he was a model young man, studious, quiet, played the piano well, wrote home to his parents very often, never went out in the early evenings, but studied until very late."

Lieutenant Boston, in speaking of the nerve displayed by the student while on his lone night ventures, said:

"He seems to have lifted his foot from right under the noses of his sleeping victims. And he didn't carry a gun."

Refused to Have Roommate

After the University closed in June, Hoffner is said by the Misses Dunlap to have gone out at nights often. "We supposed he was doing night work for some business firm," they said. "We recall, too, that he refused to have a roommate, but wanted to live alone."

The positive identification of Hoffner was made by Henry E. Berger, husband of Hoffner's former landlady. Mrs. Berger said today:

"Mr. Hoffner lived here for almost two and a half years. He left some time last November and in January I understood, he moved to the Walnut street boarding house."

"My husband scarcely knew him intimately. Mr. Hoffner seemed very much interested in the work of his church. He used to receive many notices of meetings from the priest who works among the students of the university. He was a second-year student in the Medical School."

Loat valued at \$4000 was found unaccounted for.

POMMER IS MAGISTRATE

Appointed by Governor to Court No. 11 to Succeed George Hogg

Charles J. Pommer was today appointed magistrate of Court No. 11, Philadelphia, by Governor Sproul. He takes the place of George K. Hogg, who died recently. Mr. Pommer is a supporter of Senator Vare.

Mr. Pommer lives at 1421 South Sixth street in the First Ward where he is Republican leader and a member of the city committee.

He is forty-eight years old and his first position was in the office of the county commissioner. He then held a position of detective in the office of District Attorney Rotan for fourteen years when he was appointed to the post of tipstave in Common Pleas Court No. 1. He was elected to the Select Council in 1911 to succeed James Hazlett.

He will open his office at 832 Calowhill street, he announced. As yet he has received no official notification of his appointment and will not tender his resignation as tipstave until he does so.

He is married and has one child, May, nine years old.

STORM HITS MAIL PLANE

Craft Forced to Land in Orchard and Partly Wrecked

Reading, Pa., July 16.—A United States mail airplane, en route from New York to Cleveland with 500 pounds of first class mail, was forced to the ground and partly wrecked by a terrific windstorm at Albany, Berks county, last yesterday. The airplane landed in a peach orchard on the farm of Allen Bailey, demolishing two trees, tearing the undercarriage off and damaging struts and fuselage.

Teb-birdman, Lieutenant J. D. McAliden, of New York, escaped injury. He was forced down 475 miles from his first official stop, Bellefonte. The mail was forwarded by automobile and railroad.



HENRY FORD

SKIPPER DISAPPEARS FROM SHIP AT SEA ON WAY FROM CUBA

Federal Officers Go Aboard Steamer Gorman to Probe Maritime Mystery

Investigation into the disappearance of the captain of the steamship Lake Gorman after the vessel left Palo started here. Detectives Tugbill and Mayor, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, boarded the steamship at Cienfuegos, Cuba, for this port has been the ship's last land stop.

The original information concerning the captain's disappearance was received in a meager wireless dispatch from the vessel Sunday. No details were given. It is feared he may have been the victim of violence.

The steamship is the property of the United States Shipping board. The order for the investigation was issued by United States District Attorney here. The ship is expected to dock here today.

As is known, Captain Maurehoff, who was in command of the Lake Gorman on her last visit to this port, was still master when the vessel left Cuba.

The report of the captain's disappearance was confirmed at the Maritime Exchange, but no details were available. The vessel will not dock until late this afternoon, at Pier 28, where her cargo will be unloaded for the Franklin Sugar Refining Company.

As another ship is now unloading there, the Lake Gorman will, with her story of high seas intrigue, possibly lie in mid-channel until morning.

She is a craft of 1400 odd tons net weight and was built by the Detroit Shipbuilding Company at Wyandotte, Mich., in 1918.

BABY'S CRY BARES SUICIDE

Man, Scheduled to Go to Sanitarium, Ends Own Life

Paul Yukobis, twenty-eight years old, 225 North Mole street, shot and killed himself early this morning in his home.

Neighbors were attracted to the scene by the continued crying of the ten-month-old baby of the Yukobis, and found the father lying on the kitchen floor, with a revolver with one chamber fired by his side.

Yukobis was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, but the doctors there said death had been almost instantaneous.

Mrs. Yukobis is a scrubwoman employed at a downtown office building, and was at work when her husband shot himself. She said he had been ill for some time and was brooding because he was scheduled to leave for an up-state sanitarium within a few days.

FERRY HITS PILES; 8 HURT

Six Women and Two Men Are Among Injured

Eight persons are suffering injuries today as a result of the ferryboat Mauch Chunk, of the Reading route, crashing into the guide piles at the Chestnut street wharf.

The injured persons were taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital. They were discharged after receiving treatment.

The injured are: Mrs. Lily Hopper, sixty years old, 5007 Rodman street.

Mrs. Louise W. Shaw, forty-eight years old, 5101 North Eleventh street.

Miss Loretta Shaw, 5101 North Eleventh street.

Miss Anne Ginsberg, 1915 North Eleventh street.

Mrs. Harriet Grace, of 5645 McMahon street.

Kate Moore, of 1916 East Hazard street.

William German, of 226 North Peach street.

Frank Strupp, of 4155 Germantown avenue.

FORD ADMITS HE'S IGNORANT IDEALIST, BUT CHANGES MIND

Nettled by Lawyer in Libel Suit, He Makes Petulant Answer to Question

BENEDICT ARNOLD CALLED "WRITER" BY WITNESS

Idealist "One Who Helps Others to Make Profit"; Other Original Definitions

By the Associated Press

Mr. Clemens, Mich., July 16.—In a moment of petulance while on the witness stand today, Henry Ford, plaintiff in a million-dollar libel suit against the Chicago Daily Tribune, admitted that he was "an ignorant idealist."

Subsequently he reversed his statement. This was one of the alleged libelous charges made against him in the Tribune editorial, Elliott G. Stevenson, attorney for the Tribune, had been asking questions to establish, if possible, that Mr. Ford, as a matter of fact, was ignorant. The witness said that he made the admission merely to stop the examination. Later, when formally asked to admit that he was an "ignorant idealist," he declined to do so.

In the course of the examination Mr. Ford defined a traitor as "one who works against the government"; an idealist as one "who helps others to make a profit," and, evidently with Arnold Bennett vaguely in mind, described Benedict Arnold as a "writer."

Never Heard of Arnold and Andre

Mr. Stevenson repeated the story of Benedict Arnold and his attempt to betray his country and of the British spy, Major Andre, through whose capture the Arnold plot was disclosed, but Mr. Ford said he had never heard of read of it.

Mr. Ford said he knew what the Declaration of Independence was, but did not recall details.

"I could read it if I wanted to know," he said.

"By the way, what was the United States composed of before the revolution?"

"Land, I guess," smiled the witness. Much time was consumed in reading President Wilson's preparedness speeches of 1916.

Mr. Ford was permitted to leave the stand during the reading, and Mr. Stevenson offered him a chair near himself.

"No, thank you," said Mr. Ford, refusing the chair, and he and Mr. Lucking left the room, until the reading was finished.

Preparedness Agitators "Scarecrows"

Mr. Stevenson quoted the phrase, "same old scarecrow talk," and asked who was meant. Mr. Ford returned his familiar reply, "Delavigne wrote that." He added that the "scarecrows" were the professional agitators for preparedness.

In the course of one of the Delavigne articles, for which Mr. Ford takes full responsibility, the term "bally-hoo" was used. Mr. Ford, being questioned, hazarded the guess that it meant "blackguard."

"It means a slanting advertisement, a show or exhibition," said he.

Treason Defined

"What do you understand by the word 'treason'?" asked Mr. Stevenson. "Anything against the government," said Mr. Ford.

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Henry Ford Definitions of Words and Phrases

Following are a few of the answers made in court today by the automobile manufacturer to questions propounded by the lawyer for the newspaper that Mr. Ford is suing for \$1,000,000:

What is:
An Idealist? One who helps others to make a profit.
A bally-hoo? A blackguard.
A traitor? One who works against the government.
Who was:
Benedict Arnold? A writer.

RUSSIAN BLOCKADE BEFORE "BIG FIVE"

Allies Receive Note From Bela Kun Accusing Czechs and Rumanians

PICHON FOR LEAGUE CHANGE

By the Associated Press

Paris, July 16.—The Council of Five held an important meeting, its chief topic of discussion being the Russian blockade. There have been proposals that the powers shall allow ships to enter Russian ports under special permits. The United States has constantly insisted that there has been no blockade against Russia except such as is incidental to the embargo on imports to Germany.

Consequently, the American delegates were not ready to take any action in the matter until instructions have been received from Washington.

It has been suggested that most of the Black sea ports should be blockaded by the Denikin Government, which is friendly to the Allies, but the supreme council has not decided to ask him to declare such a blockade.

Kun Claims Self-Defense

A note has been received from Bela Kun, the foreign minister of the Hungarian soviet government, declaring that the Czechs and Rumanians violated the terms of the armistice with Hungary and that, consequently, Hungarian forces were ordered to cross the boundaries fixed by the armistice. The note claims that this order was issued in self-defense. The boundaries fixed by the armistice are so uncertain that the supreme council has referred the matter to a military commission for decision.

July 29 has been fixed as the date upon which representatives of the Netherlands and Belgium will meet delegates of the five great powers in Paris and begin work on the revision of the treaty of 1839.

The foreign affairs committee of the French Senate has named a substitute committee to study the treaty of peace with Germany. Leon Bourgeois will draw up a general report and also a special report on the league of nations. Other will submit special reports on the labor, political, military, naval, reparations, financial, economic, Alsace-Lorraine, Sarre, colonies and punishment clauses.

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WILSON WANTS LODGE TO CALL FOR PACT TALK

Will Invite Republicans to White House and Answer Queries on League

SENATE COMMITTEE ASKS FOR CHINESE TREATIES

Requests Copies of Documents on Japanese and German Interests in China

PROBE SHANTUNG AFFAIR

Opposition Develops to American Participation in Armies of Occupation

By the Associated Press

Washington, July 16.—President Wilson has decided to invite Republican senators to call at the White House to discuss the peace treaty and the league of nations. Secretary Tumulty announced today.

Senator Lodge, chairman of the foreign relations committee, was understood to be one of fifteen Republican senators with whom the President desired especially to confer.

It was said that the invitations would not be limited to members of the foreign relations committee. The President was reported as being anxious to talk to all members of the Senate, Republicans as well as Democrats, and to answer any questions they might desire to ask.

Tour Awails Decision

It also was indicated that as the President had placed himself at the disposal of the foreign relations committee he would not begin his tour of the country until the committee has had a reasonable time in which to decide whether it wished to confer with him. The President today put into effect his plan of devoting a number of hours each day to receiving senators and representatives. His first caller was Senator Swanson, of Virginia, a member of the foreign relations committee and a strong supporter of the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, former chairman of the Senate military affairs committee, whose criticism of the War Department early in the war led to a sharp statement from President Wilson, was among those who visited White House today, and those close to the President hoped the conference had resulted in the re-establishment of harmonious relations between the Executive and the Oregon senator.

Wilson to Speak in Oregon

Senator Chamberlain said after leaving the White House that while there he had discussed the President's itinerary for the "swing around the circle," adding that it was quite certain that Mr. Wilson would speak in at least three places in Oregon, including Portland.

Other White House visitors included Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, a member of the foreign relations committee and a strong supporter of the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant.

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Request Treaties Affecting China

A request for copies of any treaties affecting Japanese or German rights in China was sent to the State Department today by the Senate foreign relations committee.

The motion to ask for this information was adopted